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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1647
 - \$1269 for 141 total claims over 20.
 - \$378 for 9 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 2082.

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Title: ACOUSTIC SAMPLE INTRODUCTION FOR ANALYSIS AND/OR PROCESSING

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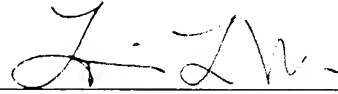
In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated April 2, 2002, transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:

1. a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
2. a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by the inventors;
3. a Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status;
4. a Blanket Petition for Extension of Time and Authorization to Charge or Credit Deposit Account;
5. an Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR § 1.97, Form PTO-1449, and copies of cited references; and
6. a check in the amount of \$2,082.00 to cover the required fees (surcharge, \$65; statutory basic filing fee, \$370; additional claim fees, \$1269, additional independent claim fee, \$378).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0580. **A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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**BLANKET PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
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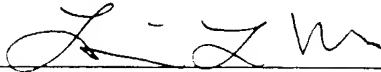
If a paper is concurrently or subsequently filed in this application or any continuation or divisional application derived therefrom by applicant(s) or her/his/their representative and a fee under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17 is required to effect any amendment, petition or other action requested in said paper, the Commissioner is hereby requested to charge any deficiency in said

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